



NEWSLETTER

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Dear parents and carers,

I hope you all had a wonderful, healthy Christmas and wishing you all a Happy New Year. We are all excited and ready to get on with fantastic learning this term, however I am sure you are all aware of the significant number of Covid cases nationally and the new Omicron variant that spreads more rapidly. Therefore, please make sure you are familiar with the additional Covid update (see below).

We will continue to do everything we can to keep families safe and keep children in school for their learning. We appreciate your support and co-operation and we will continue to keep you informed if the situation changes.

Kind regards
Joe Santy

Class Newsletters

You will soon receive your child's class newsletter and overview for this Term. It contains some important information about the learning going on in your child's class, as well as information about how you can support your child at home.

Home Learning

If your child is having to isolate due to Covid, please speak to us if you would like additional work sent home. We will continue to be guided by you and your child's health in this regard.

Parents' Evening

We have set some provisional dates for parents' evenings. At present these are Tuesday 15th & Wednesday 16th March. The hope is that these can be conducted face-to-face. However, we will continue to monitor the latest guidance prior to these dates.

Diary Dates

21 January – Y3, Y4 & Holly class visit Piper's Vale
25 January – Rec., Y1&2 visit Piper's Vale
28 January – Y5&6 visit Piper's Vale
18 February – Last day of half term
28 February – Staff PD Day
1 March – Children return
15 March – Parents' Evening
16 March – Parents' Evening
8 April – Last day of term



Class Dojo

If you haven't already, please sign up to Class Dojo. I am uploading photos each week showcasing some of the learning going on in school. Please contact us if you need another login code.

Piper's Vale

Look out for a letter next week about our year group trips to Piper's Vale Gymnastics this month!

COVID update

Schools have been reissued COVID guidance and a framework which follows Public Health Suffolk and DfE guidelines. Suffolk remains an area for enhanced response to the COVID pandemic. All schools have returned in January at Level 1. For primary schools this means that:

- All routine control and IPC measures, e.g., hand washing, ventilation and CO2 monitoring, cleaning, excluding symptomatic individuals from the setting, promotion of vaccination to eligible staff.
 - Essential visiting only
 - Visitor face masks whilst on-site (unless exempt for medical reasons)
 - Staff face coverings (in communal areas outside of the classroom, unless exempt for medical reasons)
 - Consider merging classes/groups in the event we are unable to operate a class/group safely due to staffing capacity
 - Twice-weekly LFD home testing for asymptomatic staff. Settings are encouraged to ask for evidence of test results.
- Daily LFD testing of fully vaccinated staff and children aged 5-18 years and 6 months who are close contacts

Moving to level 2 or 3 occurs if thresholds of infection are met, further advice and support from Public Health Suffolk and the Local Authority can be sought. Measures including staggered start and finish times, bubbling cohorts and ultimately restricted attendance (remote learning).

We thank you for your understanding and support.